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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Basketball

The young Mount Mercy Varsity Basketball team dropped two of its three games the past two weeks. The first contest was a non-league loss to Maryvale 40-38. The team continues to play well defensively, but struggles offensively. With a roster that includes just two seniors, four juniors, three seniors and two freshmen, struggles are expected at the beginning of the season.

“I am proud of our team’s effort and hustle,” Coach John Glose remarked. “Each and every game they give it all on the court. Our best basketball is in front of us with this young and scrappy team.”

Junior Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) and sophomore Katie Hughes (Orchard Park) led the team with 11 points each. Hamm was the top rebounder as well, with 10 rebounds. Senior Emma Fredo (Buffalo) added six points.

The Magic lost a close contest to Williamsville North 41-38 in the Kenmore West tournament. Mount Mercy led after three quarters, but was unable to hold the lead in the fourth quarter as the team was outscored 11-6. Sophomore Xoie Ferrentino (West Seneca) paced the offense with 11 points. Junior Josslynn Strang (Westfield) added ten points and the Fredo sisters, Emma and Hannah added six points each.

Mount Mercy won its second game in the tournament, defeating Kenmore West 53-26. The team jumped out to a lead in the first quarter and never looked back. Emma Fredo led the team with 15 points and Strang contributed 12 points. Their freshmen sisters, Hannah Fredo had nine points and Cecilia Strang scored seven points.

JV Basketball

The Mount Mercy JV Basketball team won two of its three contests in the past two weeks. They started off by defeating Maryvale 47-29. The team jumped out to a 13-4 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. Freshman Emily Kessler (West Seneca) paced the team with 20 points and sophomore Britney Meredith chipped in with 16 points. Lily Kasperek (Forestville) added six points.

“One of our goals was to start the game strong,” Coach Molly Gasuik commented. “I was proud to see the girls came out and set the tone early. The entire team contributed and hustled.”

The Magic lost 45-29 against a strong Williamsville North team. The team battled hard trailing by just one point after the first quarter but eventually Williamsville North pulled away. Kasperek paced the team with 11 points and freshman Catherine Zak added eight points.

The team closed out 2017 with a big win, routing Kenmore West 40-13. “I thought that we bounced back well from yesterday’s loss,” Gasuik remarked. “I was impressed with our intensity and how we followed our game plan. It was a great way to end 2017.”

Meredith led the offense with 14 points and Kasperek had six points. The entire team played well as eight different players scored. Gasuik praised freshman Angelina Larivey (Lackawanna) for her defensive play and her use of her speed to get down for layups during transition.

Varsity Bowling
The Mount Mercy Varsity Bowling team raised its record to 29.5-6.5, sweeping Park School 4-0. Junior Allison Mazurkiewicz (Blasdell) led the way with a 189 and 176. Fellow junior Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) had a 436 series with a high game of 154. Freshman Olivia Coleman (Lackawanna) added a 137 and 132.

JV Bowling

The Mount Mercy JV Bowling team defeated Buffalo Seminary 3-1. Junior Breanna Sikora (Buffalo) rolled a 148 and 114 and senior Kate Marabella (Cheektowaga) had a high game of 143.

Monsignor Martin League Hockey

The Monsignor Martin League Hockey team played Lancaster-Iroquois-Depew team and won 3-2. Sophomore Grace Harrington (West Seneca) picked up the win in goal. Senior Fiona Danahy (Buffalo) added an assist.